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SYDNEY TEAMS IN DOLDRUMS

With nine rounds to go, the main topic in the PSL is the surprisingly poor showing of the Sydney teams.

Only the "old reliables," Sydney City, nee Hakoah, remain to hold the fort.

Marconi appear to be repeating their 1978 mid-term slump when from title "certainties" they sank to a final fourth.

Rudi Gutendorf, now on holidays in Germany, will not be amused to see the decline of the team on which his Socceroos are built.

The remaining three Sydney teams are all in mortal danger of relegation.

St.George's position is the worst — but the race is so close that they can still overhaul either Leichhardt or Blacktown — or both.

Although relegation will be again an administrative decision, it seems likely that one Sydney team will be dropped if any of them finish 13th or 14th.

West Adelaide and Brisbane City are also in the danger zone but — going on the 1979 example of South Melbourne — may be pardoned if their luck runs out.

The intensity of the Philips League was illustrated last weekend with five of the seven games ending in a draw and not one team being able to score more than two goals.

West Adelaide have lost their ninth away game in as many attempts — a PSL record.

Meanwhile St.George, despite the presence of the recently arrived "therapist," Frank Arok, have dropped another valuable home point — their 13th out of a possible 18, making Barton Park look more and more like a resplendant graveyard.

Not one team can be certain of a Top Four place though Sydney City, Heidelberg and perhaps South Melbourne must feel cozy.

For the remaining spot four teams compete with an almost equal chance though, on sheer talent, Marconi are still the sentimental favorites.

Leichhardt's Socceroo goalie Greg Woodhouse makes one of his many spectacular saves against Marconi.

PHILIPS LEAGUE TABLE

	AGGREGATE P	W	D	L	F	A	±	P	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	P	AWAY P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1 (1) SYDNEY CITY	16	11	2	3	32	14	+18	24	8	6	1	1	20	8	13	8	5	1	2	12	6	11
2 (2) HEIDELBERG	16	9	4	3	34	15	+19	22	8	6	1	1	24	10	13	8	3	3	2	10	5	8
3 (3) SOUTH MELBOURNE	16	10	2	4	24	14	+10	22	8	5	2	1	12	6	12	8	5	—	3	12	8	10
4 (5) ADELAIDE CITY	17	8	3	6	25	18	+ 7	19	9	5	3	1	12	5	13	8	3	—	5	13	13	6
5 (6) BRISBANE LIONS	16	6	7	3	22	18	+ 4	19	7	4	2	1	9	6	10	9	2	5	2	13	13	9
6 (4) MARCONI	16	7	4	5	30	21	+ 9	18	8	4	3	1	21	7	11	8	3	1	4	9	14	7
7 (7) CANBERRA	17	7	4	6	26	17	+ 9	18	9	3	2	4	12	12	8	8	4	2	2	14	5	10
8 (8) FOOTSCRAY	16	5	5	6	25	26	− 1	15	8	4	1	3	16	12	9	8	1	4	3	9	14	6
9 (9) NEWCASTLE	16	6	3	7	15	21	− 6	15	8	4	1	3	7	9	9	8	2	2	4	8	12	6
10(13) LEICHHARDT	16	5	2	9	15	24	− 9	12	8	4	2	2	10	11	10	8	1	—	7	5	13	2
11(12) BRISBANE CITY	17	3	6	8	13	23	−10	12	9	3	2	4	8	9	8	8	—	4	4	5	14	4
12(11) BLACKTOWN	17	5	2	10	25	40	−15	12	8	4	1	3	18	13	9	9	1	1	7	7	27	3
13(10) WEST ADELAIDE	17	5	2	10	17	32	−15	12	8	5	2	1	10	6	12	9	—	—	9	7	26	—
14(14) ST.GEORGE	17	4	2	11	21	41	−20	10	9	2	1	6	10	22	5	8	2	1	5	11	19	5

CHILE WAS TOO HOT TO HANDLE

In a radio interview last Saturday, ASF president Sir Arthur George admitted that soccer had to bow to political and business pressure in calling off the tour by Chile.

Sir Arthur made it quite clear that personally he resented the pressure.

"For some two months now I've been under pressure from certain sections of the trade union movement, quoting to me resolutions of the ACTU and making some very serious allegations against the Chilean government.

"I discussed the matter with Bill Hayden who agreed with me that if we adopted the criteria some of the unionists want us to adopt, we wouldn't play sport with 60 percent of the nations of the world.

"I took the view that it was incongruous that the very unions who thought we ought to go to Russia for the Olympics thought we shouldn't play Chile.

"But be that as it may, my obligation to Australian soccer extends to the fact that it doesn't have any financial catastrophies.

"And there might have been one. While in London, I got a message from one of the international sponsors providing money for us through West Nally that they *would take a poor view of a political confrontation as* they themselves had international businesses.

"So reluctantly, with no alternative — as I didn't want a repetition of what happened to South Africa's rugby team when we had policemen all over the place — we had to call Chile off."

Sir Arthur said that in Zurich he had discussed the matter with Chile's representative on FIFA and also with president Joao Havelange.

"I told them my natural instinct was not to resort to this sort of thing in sport but one had to look at the prospect of financial problems.

"So it's a decision made entirely for that reason and one made with great reluctance."

ASF secretary Brian Le Fevre said it was unlikely that any other team would take Chile's place for a tour.

The cup that doesn't cheer

Not even the KGB can keep its secrets under tighter wrap than soccer.

For instance, did you know that on Wednesday this week there was to be a Philips Cup match?

Canberra was scheduled — or re-scheduled — to meet Preston at 8pm at Seifert Oval, hardly a pleasure in the merciless Canberra winter.

The two other deferred Cup matches will be played next week, on Wednesday: Heidelberg v South Melbourne (8pm, Olympic Park) and Adelaide City v Green Gully (8pm, Hindmarsh).

Tempting as it may be to blame the PSL for this piece of misplanning, the whole sorry episode is the handiwork of the super-parochial Victorian Federation.

They asked the ASF for permission to stage some of their own postponed domestic matches on Cup Sunday in preference to the Philips Cup.

Amazingly, they received permission.

The upshot is that Preston and Green Gully, both far from millionaire State League clubs, now have to travel interstate midweek for night matches.

At a conservative estimate the players will have to take half a day off on Wednesday and another half on Thursday because there are no night flights after the games.

Time off from work, extra motel and meal expenses and reduced gate takings — the Rotschilds couldn't have done it in grander style...

2 TO 6

Conducted by Val Hokin and Emmanuel Kanna

***FAIRFIELD WEST ATHLETIC** (5th div.) stretched their unbeaten run to 15 games with a 4-0 home win against Haberfield. Fairfield face their biggest test in a top of the table clash with Concordia next weekend. Fairfield led 3-0 at halftime through goals from Peter Ashby, Gerry Bradley and an own goal. Bobby Bright headed in the fourth, well into the second half. In reserve grade, Fairfield got among the goals after three consecutive scoreless draws. The highlight of the reserve grade was a hat-trick by Fred Marsh.*

***GLENQUARRIE** (6th div.)'s first grade match against Liverpool Utd. last weekend was hard with both sides attacking. Glenquarrie were first to score when, from a freekick, Guenter Distler found the net. Right on halftime, Tony Woods scored from a penalty. In the first minute of second half, Tony Wood made a good run upfield, beating several defenders to score. Reserve grade took the lead at the 6th minute when a good cross from Steve Lonski saw Les Hutchen head the ball to the back of the net. United equalised 10 minutes later by scoring a fine goal. Three minutes before halftime, Barry Thompson took the ball upfield, scoring from a rebound off the post. In the 44th minute, Rudi Mula scored from a penalty. Shortly after halftime, Les Hutchen scored again but Liverpool came back to make the score 4-2. The final three goals were scored by Barry Thompson and Steve Lonski (2).*

***WEST ST. GEORGE** (5th div.) without two regular first graders dominated a rough game against North Rocks, but threw away a point because of missed chances and two penalties (one controversial). The final score of 3-3 flattered North Rocks. Saints led 2-1 at halftime, with Andy Piggott and Dave Hooper scoring before North Rocks pulled one back with a penalty. In the second half, Steve King beat two defenders to score Saints' third. Shortly after, North Rocks replied with a good goal. Their equaliser came courtesy of a penalty five minutes from time. A frantic final few minutes failed to give Saints both points. Outstanding players for St George were Steve King and Billy Feros. Reserves defeated North Rocks 1-0 with a goal from Brett Plumridge in the first minute to retain second placing.*

***WEST HOLROYD** (4th div.) played a double-header last weekend and were successful in winning three out of four points. On Saturday West Holroyd entertained Maroubra and in a game fully dominated by the home side the final score was 4-0, with two goals being scored in each half. Feros Bucksh opened the score with a first-time shot after receiving a cross ball from the right. A few minutes later Feros converted a penalty making it 2-0. After the interval a hand pass from the goalkeeper was received by Brian Nikolovski at left wing, controlling the ball he chipped it clearly over the head of the Maroubra goalkeeper. The last goal was a solo effort by David Hammond who had possession of the ball at centre and went through the defence tackling two defenders then hammering the ball into the net. In the other game against Eastern Creek the result was 0-0 with the points shared fairly by each side. Both teams had many scoring chances.*

***KINGSFORD** (3rd div.) is back on top of the table after playing a double-header last weekend and winning both. The first game was at home against Riverstone, the final score being 2-1 and both goals by Peter Page. On Sunday Artarmon were the hosts and the game was fought more evenly with the winning goal in the 0-1 scoreline coming 10 minutes before the final whistle. Peter Page crossed the ball from a corner kick and Sandy Hopkins headed it in. Artarmon had previously come close to scoring and for their effort a draw would have been a fair result. Kingsford have signed a new player Charles Younan, a midfielder, who is on loan from Melita Eagles.*

***ARTARMON** (3rd div.) also played two games losing the second 0-1 to Kingsford but finishing winners 2-1 against Hurstville Zagreb. In this game Artarmon were on top throughout and scored the first goal 10 minutes after the kick-off when Martin Steele put the ball into the net. Jimmy Bell scored the second goal making it 2-0 until five minutes from the end when Hurstville Zagreb put one in. Artarmon has acquired the services of a new coach, Alex Gray. Alex was with Avala as player-coach and has in the past played for Granville and ex-Western Suburbs.*

***RYDE DISTRICT** (4th div.) playing at home, held Padstow Park to a 1-1 draw. Padstow found the going touch and early in the game had two good scoring chances but somehow managed to miss an open goal. The first goal was scored by Warren Gunn for Ryde District and after the interval Padstow equalised. For Ryde the man of the match was the utility player Steve Williams who put on an excellent performance in goal.*

***QUEENS PARK** (2nd div.) allowed North Bankstown to equalise with two minutes of the game left. Queens Park would have deserved both points having had 80 percent of the game, especially after coming back from a goal down, scored by Norths after only 10 minutes. This goal followed a defensive error by Queens Park. After this early set-back Queens Park took control and should have scored when Mike Cronshaw was sent through by John Cockburn. Then the goal that had been threatening finally came, and what a goal it was. Billy Mitchell received the ball in midfield and went on one of his attacking runs; after beating two players, he crashed home a magnificent shot from 25 metres to score one of the best second division goals this season.*
Nigal Oldham played a big part in the attacking formation and did especially well, this being his first game back with the first grade after an absence of 11 weeks due to injury. The second half continued at the same fast pace. Norths hit the post one minute and Queens Park missed narrowly the next. Then Queens Park's second goal came. John Cockburn gained possession, took it out left, centred it and with the defence failing to clear Nigal Oldham darted in to head home. The rest is history. A simple cross from the Norths winger, a misunderstanding in the Parks defence and Norths had the ball in the net to equalise, 2-2.

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FIRST DIVISION

— By Charles Spiteri —

St.George are one point behind the leaders after their victory over Penrith and the downfall of several teams in a week of topsy-turvy results.

John Davies scored a hat-trick which consisted of two goals from the penalty spot and one from a freekick.

Blacktown City went with the tide of surprise result going down to neighbours Blacktown United in a close match.

Don Campbell opened the score for City but two quick goals by Tommy Crone and Colin Clarke snatched victory for United.

Wollongong are now feeling the pinch without their injured striker David Jirsa. He has been out of the side for more than 10 weeks and the 'Gong, although playing some very good football, can't score.

Against Leichhardt, winger Dafkovski put them in front early in the second half, but two goals by Tony Morsello late in the game lost them the points — again by the odd goal.

The acquisition of Tom Mihajlovic and David Travini lifted Yugal's hopes beyond expectation and this week they bet promotion aspirants Bathurst.

Yugal lead 2-0 at halftime and they could even afford to miss a penalty as Tom Mihajlovic did, and still win by three goals.

Polonia, who doubled up this weekend, won the game against Belmore by one goal but lost 2-1 against Marconi. Although not producing their best form Marconi still managed to win both points and are now second on the table.

With them is Revesby, who managed to score a narrow 1-0 victory over bottom placed Warringah. Gary Mitford, a second half replacement, scored the winning goal one minute from the end.

PENRITH v ST.GEORGE 0-4

Penrith: Gibson, Rhodes, Gaskin, G. Thoms, Dunn, Kelly, Hackney, (M. Bemer), G. Bemer, Dematttia (T. Cudihy), K. Thoms, Lewis. **Coach:** S. Ackerley.
St.George: Wotton, Ververis, Dinley (Agostino), Sharfegger, Holmik, Johnson, Gnavi, Davies, Morlando, Dredge, Townsend. **Coach:** T. Zuckerman.
Goals: Davies (3, two penalties); Townsend.

YUGAL v BATHURST 3-0

Yugal: Kostidis, Cabreira, Radivojavic, Grubic, Clarke, Novakovic, Mihajlovic, Travini, Kapista (Cummings), Rodas, Tanoski. **Coach:** I. Takac.
Bathurst: Coles, Lipoidiven, Barlow, G. Pickup, Woodruff, P. Hadley, A. Pickup, G. Hadley, Judge (Dwyer), Lamberton, Thebold. **Coach:** J. Judge.
Goals: Travini (2), Rodas.

LEICHHARDT v WOLLONGONG 2-1

Leichhardt: Hoare, Da Costa, McAusland, Gray, Casachia, Watt, Gaitatzis, Triantafyllou (Brown), Savidis, Samuels, Morsello. **Coach:** C. Van Blerk.
Wollongong: Vardereff, Montecchi, Traikovski, Talevski, Campbell, H. Sattin, R. Sattin, Bingham, Dafkovski, Fontana, Giraldi (Terzlovski). **Coach:** M. Johnson.
Goals: Morsello(2); Dafkovski.

SYDNEY CITY v BELMORE 1-0

Sydney City: Berry, Sorge, Svynos, Woods, Fonesca, Patikas, C. Spanos, Henry, Lee, Borges, M. Silva (Tettas). **Coach:** D. Hoggart.
Belmore: Hawthorne, Martin, Cruger, Lambert, Murray, Vergos, De Mestre, Kirwin, Reynolds, Smith, Billinghurst. **Coach:** O. Klaus.
Goal: Borges.

BELMORE v POLONIA 0-1

Belmore: Hawthorne, Martin, Cruger, Lambert, Vergos, Murray, De Mestre, Kirwin, Billinghurst, Reynolds, Roberts. **Coach:** O. Klaus.
Polonia: Greenfield, McGrath, Svigelj, Hardy, Wisniewski, Maitre, A. Budini, Crowthers, Sookee, Lemanczyk, Strzelecki. **Coach:** S. Wozniczka.
Goals: Lemanczyk.

BLACKTOWN CITY v BLACKTOWN UNITED 1-2

Blacktown City: James, Brown, D. Campbell, B. Campbell, Pina, Pearson, Ortega, Rasmussen, Fisher, Landon (Cuff), Burns (Manning). **Coach:** A. Edmondson.
Blacktown United: Warren, Sutton, Eldridge, Ber, Hannish, Taylor, Crone, Clarke, De Valle, Meharg (Boland) (Svarc), Milakovic. **Coach:** D. Zeman.
Goals: D. Campbell; Crone, Clarke.

POLONIA v MARCONI 1-2

Polonia: Greenfield, McGrath (Illingworth), Svigelj, Hardy, Wisniewski, Maitre, A. Budini, Crowthers, Sookee (Bradley), Lemanczyk, Strzelecki. **Coach:** S. Wozniczka.
Marconi: Veneri, Swain, Masonwells, Colderan, Morson, Tomasich, Stark, Dulisse, Colusso, Scheinflug, Kelly. **Coach:** L. Nesti.
Goals: A. Budini; Colusso, Tomasich.

REVESBY v WARRINGAH 1-0

Revesby: J. Cabone, Adams, Hargreaves, T. Cabone, Pitman, Larkins, Butler, Gill (Parkinson), Morrow, McGovern, Mackin (Mitford). **Coach:** L. Dobbins.
Warringah: Robins, Collins, Carpenter, Rice, Van Der Saag, Scott, Duncan, Sturgess, Fidra, S. Beverley, Sandtner. **Coach:** Z. Napta.
Goal: Mitford.

Last week

STATE LEAGUE

NS-Inter v Bankstown	1-1	0-2	0-3
Inter-Monaro v Sutherl.	1-1	1-3	—
Syd.Olympic v Avala	2-0	0-1	1-0
Auburn v Croatia	1-2	0-0	5-0
Arncliffe v Manly	0-3	2-4	0-3
Kuringai v Parramatta	1-2	0-1	1-1
Melita v Cant.M'ville	2-0	1-0	1-1

DIVISION 1

Revesby v Warringah	1-0	4-0	1-1
Leichhardt v Wollongong	2-1	1-0	—
Belmore v Polonia	0-1	2-2	2-1
Polonia v Marconi	1-2	1-1	1-2
Penrith v St.George	0-4	0-3	0-4
Syd.City v Belmore	1-0	6-2	1-2
Blackt.City v Blackt.Utd.	1-2	1-2	4-1
Yugal v Bathurst	3-0	0-1	1-1

DIVISION 2

Glad.Ravens v Guildford	1-1	1-1	5-5
Dee Why v Yagoona	1-0	4-0	2-0
Marrickville v Lane Cove	5-2	1-0	10-1
Lethbridge v Nth.Bankst.	2-3	1-3	0-6
Nth.Bankst.v Queens Prk	2-2	2-0	1-0
Camp'town v Glad.Horns	1-3	1-1	0-2
Baulk.Hills v Lethbridge	1-1	0-1	1-0

DIVISION 3

Syd.Uni v Bondi	1-1	1-0	
Artarmon v Hurstville	2-1	6-2	
Kingsford v Riverstone	2-1	5-0	
West Ryde v Bonnyrigg	0-2	0-2	
Wenty v Nth.Ryde	0-1	1-0	
Pt.Hacking v L'pool Alb.	0-3	0-2	
Artarmon v Kingsford	3-1	—	

DIVISION 4

Chelsea v East.Creek	1-1	0-1	
W.Holroyd v Maroubra	4-0	3-3	
Ryde Dist.v Padstow	1-1	0-5	
Fairfield v Paddington	0-0	3-1	
Canley v Eastwood	3-1	5-2	
East.Crk. v W.Holroyd	0-0	3-0	

DIVISION 5

Macq.Uni v Auburn	3-1	3-0	
Concordia v Edensor Pk.	3-1	1-1	
Camden v Pagewood	2-2	4-0	
Syd.Maccabi v Winst.Hls	1-1	0-1	
St.George v Nth.Rocks	3-3	1-0	
Fairfield W. v Haberfield	11-0	6-1	

DIVISION 6

Mt.Pritchard v Chullora	0-3	0-3	
Hawkesbury v L'pool City	0-1	0-1	
L'pool Rang.v Blacktown	2-2	1-1	
Glenquarrie v L'pool Utd.	3-0	7-2	
Sth.Syd. v Bankstown	0-0	0-0	
Green Vall.v Moorebank	1-1	1-3	

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE REPORT

WESTERN	14s	15s	16s
Nepean v Blackt.Utd.	7-1	4-1	4-0
West.Dist.v Auburn	2-8	0-14	0-2
Blackt.City v Marconi	1-1	0-0	0-2
Baulk.H. V Gladesvl.	0-3	0-11	1-2
Polonia v Melita	1-2	2-6	1-1
Blackt.Ass.v Sth.Dis.	1-8	0-7	2-3
Blackt.C.v Blackt.U.	10-0	2-2	7-0

EASTERN			
Cent.Cst. v Syd.City	2-0	0-1	2-1
Illawarra v St.George	0-1	3-2	1-1
Arncliffe v Olympic	2-0	2-1	0-1
Bankstown v APIA	1-0	1-1	5-1
Sth&East v Cant'bry	1-3	3-1	2-3
Manly v Kuringai	0-0	0-2	2-1
Bankst.v Olympic	7-0	7-0	2-2

STANDINGS:

West — U-14s: Blacktown City 36, Marconi 33, Nepean 30, Gladesville 29, Southern Dist. 24, Auburn 17, Baulk.Hills 16, Melita 15, Polonia 9, Blacktown Utd. 9, West.NSW 8, Blackt. Assoc. 6 pts. **U-15s:** Gladesville 37, Auburn 35, Nepean 33, Melita 27, Southern Dist. 27, Blacktown Utd. 19, Blacktown City 17, Baulkham Hills 13, Blacktown Assoc. 10, Marconi 7, Polonia 6, West. NSW 1 pt. **U-16s:** Marconi 39, Auburn 35, Blacktown City 24, Melita 23, West.NSW 19, Gladesville 18, Polonia 17, Nepean 15, Baulkham Hills 14, South.Dist. 12, Blacktown Utd. 10, Blackt. Assoc. 6 pts.

East: U-14s: St.George 41, Sutherland 40, Illawarra 35, Bankstown 31, APIA 29, South & East 25, Manly 25, Canterbury 23, Arncliffe 21, Central Coast 19, Kuringai 13, Sydney City 8, Olympic 4 pts. **U-15s:** Sutherland 40, St.George 36, Bankstown 34, Sydney City 34, Canterbury 32, Illawarra 29, APIA 25, Kuringai 25, South & East 17, Arncliffe 14, Central Coast 10, Manly 10, Olympic 8 pts. **U-16s:** Sydney City 36, St.George 34, Bankstown 33, Sutherland 31, Illawarra 30, Manly 26, South & East 22, Kuringai 22, Olympic 21, APIA 20, Arncliffe 17, Canterbury 13, Central Coast 12 pts.

NSW DRAW
DIV. 2-6

DIVISION 2

Lethbridge Rangers v Gladesville Ravens, Sunday, Popondetta Park; Guildford County v North Bankstown, Sat., Guildford Park; Queens Park E/S v Gladesville Hornsby, Sun., Erskineville OV;Lane Cove v Baulkham Hills, Sun., Pottery Green; Yagoona v Marrickville, Sat., O'Neill Park; Dee Why v Campbelltown, Sun., Dee Why Oval; Glad. Ravens v Campbelltown, Sat., Peel Park.

DIVISION 3

Riverstone v Sydney Uni, Sun., Schofields Park; Bondi Marines v Artarmon, Sat., Waverley Oval; Hurstville v Bonnyrigg Eagles, Sun., Evatt Park; North Ryde v Port Hacking, Sun., North Ryde Oval; Wenty Waratahs v West Ryde Rovers, Sun., Centenary Park; Bonnyrigg v Pt. Hacking, Sat., St.John's Park; Hurstville v Wenty, Sat., Evatt Park.

DIVISION 4

Paddington Spanish v Ryde District, Sat., Moore Park No. 3; Padstow Park v Chelsea, Sun., Walshaw; Eastwood S/A v Fairfield Kiev, Sun., Eastwood Oval; Maroubra United v Canley Heights, Sun., Coral Sea Park; West Holroyd G/C v Revesby Rovers, Sun., West Guildford; Chelsea v Fairfield Kiev, Sat., Moore Park No.12.

DIVISION 5

Macquarie Uni v Sydney Maccabi, Sun., Macquarie Uni. Oval; Auburn Juniors v Camden, Sun., Progress Park; Pagewood v Edensor Park, Sun., Jellicoe Park; North Rocks v Winston Hills, Sun., Murray Farm Reserve; Haberfield B/D's v West St.George, Sat., Bearman Park; Fairfield West v Concordia, Sun., Parkes Reserve.

DIVISION 6

Liverpool Utd. v Hawkesbury Dist., Sun., Childs Park; Liverpool City v Mt.Pritchard, Sun., Ernie Smith Res.;Chullora v Blacktown Wands., Sat., Soccer Centre; Bankstown Sports v Glenquarrie Utd., Sun., Condell Park H/S; Moorebank v South Sydney Dist., Sun., Hammondville Park; Green Valley Utd. v Liverpool Rangers, Sun., Blamfield Park.

WESTERN DIVISION

ROUND 21, JULY 19

Melita	v Southern District	Saturday, Evarley
Baulkham Hills	v Polonia	Saturday, Ted Horwood
Blacktown City	v Gladesville	Saturday, Ashley Brown
Auburn	v Marconi	Saturday, Marconi
Blacktown United	v Western NSW	Saturday, B.O.D. No.2
Blacktown Assoc.	v Nepean	Saturday, Marayong.

EASTERN DIVISION

ROUND 24, JULY 19

Illawarra	v Sydney City	Saturday, Moore Park
Sutherland	v St.George	Saturday, Bates Drive
Arncliffe Scot	v Central Coast	Saturday, Fegans
Bankstown	v Sydney Olympic	Saturday, Pratten
Southern Eastern	v APIA	Saturday, Jellicoe
Manly	v Canterbury	Saturday, Cromer
Kuringai	: Bye	

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By Andrew Dettre

BY GEORGE, THEY WON'T GO DOWN

A veteran of English league football, Brisbane City's George Potter is yet another of those strange PSL birds: a player-coach. Certainly not on the tall side, the polished, experienced Potter is now the mainstay of the Brisbane City defence in their desperate bid to avoid relegation, after a remarkably successful 1979 season.

George Potter

SW: Your English background?

GP: I had nine years as a pro with Luton, Torquay and Hartlepool and came out here to join Lions for the start of the PSL. I'm now 33.

SW: Have you done any coaching before?

GP: I obtained a licence in England. I always hoped that I'd be a coach when my playing days were over but never expected it to happen so suddenly.

SW: What did happen there?

GP: Well, we've had some coaching crises; at one stage Nereo Saftich was sacked. It had nothing to do with the players: I think we were all sorry to see him go. The club asked me to take over and I accepted. That was six matches ago.

SW: Your team is going through a horror patch; any special reason?

GP: We started the season badly, losing some games by the odd goal. Also, we can't seem to crash through the 'confidence barrier'; we score a goal easily but the vital second one doesn't come. Look at today: we had three glaring chances after 1-0 against St.George — and missed the lot.

SW: As a player-coach, how do you make substitutions from the field? Do you walk to the player and tell him he's going off?

GP: No, usually I signal to the assistant coach on the bench and he sends in the replacement; he gets my signals clearly.

SW: How do the players, who are after all your team-mates, too, accept it?

GP: They accept it but, nobody likes to be pulled off. It's my job as a coach to do it, that's what I get paid for. Anything in the team's interests.

SW: What about the relegation possibilities?

GP: They are pretty real though I believe we'll sneak away from the bottom. We're playing well, we have no shortage of good players and we shouldn't be where we are. But we're there, for the moment.

SW: And if you do finish at the bottom?

GP: It would be a tragedy. The club is developing a new grandstand for the 1981 season and has other promotional plans, too.

SW: Your crowds have been slipping rather alarmingly.

GP: The Italian fans hardly ever tolerate a losing or even battling team. It's true, we started losing support last year. Our fans are super-critical. Once we started climbing up, they'll come back.

SW: What about your plans?

GP: I have another year's contract with Brisbane City and I hope to stay with them. I'm settling down in Brisbane for good, we've taken out a permanent residential permit.

SW: Family?

GP: Yes, my wife Linda and two boys, Stuart, 9 and Neal, 5. Of course, the boys feel totally at home in Brisbane.

SW: Is there another Queensland team who could replace you in the PSL if you went down?

GP: I guess there is Grange Thistle and perhaps Ipswich but neither is ready for the PSL yet. Still, I'm sure it won't come to that. We have too much professional pride to let that happen. I don't know who will be relegated this year. But it won't be Brisbane City.

TOP SCORERS

COLE (Heidelberg)	18
BODEN (Sydney City)	9
JANKOVICS (Marconi)	9
BARNES (Sydney City)	8
DUARTE (St.George)	8
KRNCEVIC (Marconi)	8
J. NYSKOHUS (Adel.City)	8
BULJEVIC (Sth.Melb.)	8
GIAMPAOLO (Canberra)	7
BARNES (Adel.City)	6
O'CONNOR (Leichhardt)	6
PATON (Heidelberg)	6
VALERI (Canberra)	6

PAST RESULTS

	1977	1978	1979
Newcastle v Brisbane City	—	2-3	4-1
Heidelberg v Leichhardt	—	—	2-1
Sth.Melbourne v Blacktown	—	—	—
West Adelaide v Sydney City	1-1	3-2	0-2
Marconi v Canberra	0-0	2-0	1-1
St.George v Footscray	2-0	3-1	0-2
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FROM THE PRESS BOX

Some time last year I proposed in these pages that we reverse our Philips League season from winter to summer.

Then, on my return from the USA in December, I again touched on the subject in another article and also had a chat with ASF president Sir Arthur George about it.

But judging by the questions received, it seems I have not explained fully what I meant.

As things now stand, soccer — and here I refer mainly to the PSL — is on a permanent collision course with other, more firmly established codes: rugby league in NSW and Queensland, Aussie Rules in the other States.

Like it or not, these codes hog the limelight and dominate the Press and TV.

We can keep throwing out meek yet expensive challenges — but soccer will not overtake them. Not in our lifetime. Those who believe otherwise are fooling themselves.

This is the same problem that confronted the Americans, after their first big experiment had failed a few years ago.

So the practical Yanks sat down in a think-tank. They figured that while they had no chance of toppling American football in the winter months, they could perhaps take on baseball, the major summer sport.

So they switched their seasons around — and the experiment works.

It could work in Australia, too, for a variety of reasons.

First of all, many football fans whose winter preference is now another code may be induced to attend soccer in the summer.

Cricket, surely, is not a serious competitor unless it's a very special Test match.

In winter, TV stations are breaking their necks to get on the rugby or Rules bandwagon and ignore soccer.

But in summer, it could be a different story: they could do with another football code on a regular basis.

What about the grounds?

That should no longer be a problem, even in Sydney.

St. George and Marconi both have their floodlit stadiums and perhaps even the Sydney Athletic Field could be used.

With two available grounds, Sydney's problem would be solved. In other cities, the problem has never been so acute anyway.

What about the summer heat?

I feel that the season could start in September and run to April.

From about October or early November, all matches could be staged in the evening — and preferably weekdays.

Weekend spectator sport is dying all over the world as leisure time for families increases.

So we could follow the Swedish, German and many other examples and play during the week — say Friday evenings — leaving the weekend free.

The season could be lengthened somewhat if the clubs wanted it. In May, for example — at the end of the main soccer season — overseas teams could pay us a visit for tours or tournaments.

June and July could be set aside for overseas tours by the national team, State teams or even clubs.

Let me make it clear that I do not advocate a switch in seasons at all levels, only the Philips League though perhaps even the semi-professional State Leagues could benefit from such a move.

All other competitions, amateur, junior, school etc. can stay as they are; after all, they are not really competing for attendances and revenues.

I can't really see any valid reason why this plan couldn't be carefully examined and tested.

The way we are going now, with minor cosmetic changes, the Philips League is doomed to remain a poor relation with the public, Press, TV — and thus with the sponsors.

Only a very radical departure from the old tradition can put soccer into the top, professional bracket.

The Americans have done it; in some areas so have many Europeans.

It's now up to us to follow suit.

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One has to acknowledge the fact that sport and politics are hopelessly mixed up — but one doesn't have to admire it.

The cancellation of Chile's tour was under pressure from left-wing trade unions and from some powerful sponsors who clearly don't want to be caught up in a crossfire.

Through some peculiar twist in fortunes, with this move Australia has joined the USSR in the same boat — surely not a flattering achievement.

In 1973 the USSR refused to play Chile in Santiago because, as they said, that country's national stadium had been used to hold political prisoners after the toppling of the extreme left-wing regime of Allende.

It's a dangerous game to condemn various overseas regimes and then translate it to sporting decisions. Take South America, for example, where only three countries (Venezuela, Colombia and Ecuador) have civilian governments and all the others have military juntas.

Will we refuse to play, say Argentina, in the next World Cup because we — or our unions, perhaps sponsors — disagree with the policies of General Videla?

And what about the other extreme of this crazy, polarised world? What about teams from the Soviet Bloc countries?

Sir Arthur, in a courageous statement, has made it clear that he disagreed with the Chile-tour decision and union pressure.

He even implied that he was far from amused at the arm-twisting of some multi-national sponsors.

Let's hope that Australian soccer doesn't allow political and commercial interests to shape its destiny.

Sponsors are always welcome but if they expect us to play only the tune they are paying for, their presence may become overbearing.

— Andrew Dettre

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MARCONI 1(1)
LEICHHARDT 2(1)

Goals: 1-0 Mariani (31m), 1-1 McKie (43m), 1-2 O'Connor (73m).

MARCONI: Maher 4, Degney 3, Henderson 3, Muir 2, Cant 4, Byrne 4, Vieri 3, Raskopoulos 3, Mariani 3 (Krncevic 73m), Jankovics 3, Sharne 4. **Coach:** L. Scheinflug.

LEICHHARDT: **Woodhouse** 5, Skellern 3, Wilson 4, Dempsey 4, Pullen 3, Butler 4, Coyne 4, Harding (McAusland 22m, 4), O'Connor 4, Pirie 2, McKie 3. **Coach:** W. Wallace.

Referee: S. Mellings (Vic.); **crowd:** 6,500; **cautions:** Dempsey, Coyne, Pirie, Krncevic.

Despite the claims by irate fans, this was more a case of Marconi throwing the match away rather than it being stolen from them by poor refereeing.

Surely it wasn't the referee who made Jankovics shoot wildly over from two metres or send Mariani's header roaring wide.

Sharne's speed was causing untold problems in the Leichhardt defence, but they didn't panic and just concentrated on marking his fellow strikers.

Marconi for their part looked lethargic.

They only occasionally broke into a sprint, and most of their attacks were too intricate.

Leichhardt's whole game was based on determination.

From the diminutive Butler to the powerful Wilson the Leichhardt side tackled, ran and covered for one another.

After 30 minutes Marconi finally scored their goal and the crowd almost sighed with relief.

A fine Vieri corner sailed to the far side of the box and Mariani lent into his shot to send the ball low past Woodhouse.

The Leichhardt 'keeper was in exceptional form, saving two 'certain' goals and generally commanding his goal area.

With halftime approaching confusion suddenly gripped the Marconi defence, and with both Henderson and Muir caught napping, first O'Connor then McKie had potshots at Maher before McKie stuck the ball away.

Marconi were obviously frustrated by the rearguard action of Leichhardt, but that still did not excuse their stereotyped tactics.

Then in the 73rd minute the inevitable happened.

Marconi seemed incapable of holding possession in their own half and after a series of shocking passes Leichhardt intercepted the ball through Pirie.

The striker moved to the left of the penalty area and was again amazingly allowed to turn and send a chipped cross right to the forehead of O'Connor who calmly placed the ball wide of Maher for the winner.

— **Paul James**

2

NEWCASTLE 1(0)
BLACKTOWN 0

Goal: 1-0 McClelland (75m).

NEWCASTLE: Dando 4, Reaney 4, Drinkwater 4, Sneddon 4, Curran 4, McClelland 4, Bertogna 3, Mason 3, Heys 4, Senkalski 4, Jones 2 (ordered off 28m). **Coach:** A. Vest.

BLACKTOWN: Freeman 3, Harris 4, Cuk 4 (Rasmusen 83m), Pointer 3, Turnbull 3, Selvage 4, Hormazabal 3, O'Donnell (Pollard 3, 26m), Hunter 4, Wilkinson 2, Izatt 4. **Coach:** M. Jones.

Referee: C. Amos (Qld.); **crowd:** 4,603; **cautions:** Wilkinson, Turnbull, Jones (ordered off).

Maybe coach Alan Vest has found the solution for his team's maladies.

It goes like this — have a player ordered off in the early stages then the remainder give that bit extra which more than compensates for the missing team member.

It certainly worked against Blacktown after the dismissal of forward David Jones in the 28th minute for some needless retaliation after he had been floored by a Blacktown defender.

In the most physical encounter ever seen at the Sports Centre referee Col Amos from Brisbane came in for much abuse from the spectators.

It was indeed strange that the two yellow cards issued were for silly actions of kicking the ball away in freekick situations, while many wild dangerous tackles were allowed to go unchecked.

It was no surprise that players were inclined to quickly rid themselves of the ball with so many crushing interceptions.

Out of all rugged mayhem the lone goal shone through like a beacon for its artistry and conversion.

The goal-starved crowd had to wait until the 75th minute but few would have disagreed that the episode was well worth lingering around to witness.

Senkalski, who had been moved up front in a bid to infuse more variation and skill, gathered the ball out on the left touchline.

He neatly pirouetted through the Blacktown defence before unleashing a perfect cross ball for redheaded McClelland to time his volley to ideal consummation leaving goalkeeper Freeman rooted to the spot.

Blacktown did not have much to offer up front and found goalkeeper Dando in confident form.

It was a sad sight to see big defender Peter Cuk carried from the field in the last few minutes with a probably fractured leg following a collision with the Newcastle 'keeper in one of the few genuinely accidental challenges of the match.

— **Myles Hay**

3

STH.MELBOURNE 2(0)
WEST ADELAIDE 0(0)

Goals: Buljevic (63m, 64m).

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets 4, V. Bannon 4, **Lutton 5, Blair 5, Davidson 5,** Xanthopoulos 4, Rogers 4, **Campbell 5,** Evans 4, **Cummings 5, Buljevic 5. Coach:** J. Margaritis.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 6, Bozanic 5, Topaz 3, Forde 3, McKie 3, McGregor 3, Norris 3, Carruthers 3, Honeyman 3, Key 3, Manecas 4. **Coach:** G. Chaldi.

Referee: P. Rampley (NSW); **crowd:** 6,000 (est.); **caution:** Norris.

South Melbourne coach John Margaritis believes Martyn Crook is the best goalkeeper in Australia.

And after watching the Socceroo hopeful working overtime to stop an avalanche in this match, I am not the one to argue with that statement.

Crook, and fullback Vic Bozanic were largely responsible for keeping the score down to a respectable level.

But for these two, South could have ended up with up to eight goals instead of two.

The home side dominated play for long periods to the extent that Steve Blair and Bertie Lutton took it in turns to attack from the centre half position.

Blair earned a place in the team for suspended midfield George Christopoulos and was one of the best players afield.

Alan Davidson, Lutton, Duncan Cummings and George Campbell also had good matches but former Socceroo Branko Buljevic stole the limelight by scoring two goals for the second week running.

Only this time he notched them within 60 seconds of each other in the 63rd and 64th minutes.

For his first he ran onto Cummings' through pass then blasted a shot which hit Crook before trickling towards the net.

Alun Evans, following up, kicked it over the line but admitted afterwards that the ball would have gone in anyway and that Buljevic should be credited with the goal.

Fullback Vince Bannon made the second goal with an overlap down the right before squaring across the goal for Buljevic to hammer home from inside the six-yard area.

South's other scoring chances included a cunning Campbell lob which Crook saved in acrobatic style one-handedly, a Buljevic header which Bozanic hooked off the line, a Lutton shot which hit the post, and a Cummings shot which Topaz also kicked off the line.

Westad's forwards created little impression and troubled Laumets spasmodically although the 'keeper did get a fright five minutes from time after dropping a shot from Chris Key.

— **Peter Desira**

4

ADELAIDE CITY 1(1)
CANBERRA CITY 1(0)

Goals: 1-0 Barnes (27m), 1-1 Valeri (66m).

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 4, **Dods 5,** Jones 4, Russell 3, B. Nyskohus 4, Perin 3 (Northcote 61m), Muniz 4, J. Nyskohus 3, Melta 3, Besir 3, Barnes 4. **Coach:** R. Rasic.

CANBERRA CITY: Wilson 3, Moulis 4, Stark 3, Milovanovic 3, R. O'Shea 4, Farrell 3 (Valeri 65m), Cole 4, J. O'Shea 3, Giampaolo 4, Brennan 4, Byrne 4. **Coach:** J. Brown.

Referee: G. Neal (SA); **crowd:** 3,986; **cautions:** Dods, Perin, Muniz, J. O'Shea, Giampaolo.

Perhaps it was fitting that these form teams should finish this encounter with honors even.

The away game point meant that John Brown stretched his unbeaten run to seven games since he took over from Vic Fernandez as Canberra coach.

And while Adelaide City's winning run was halted, they managed to increase an unconquered sequence to an impressive five league games.

The game, however, was anything but impressive, as the evenly-matched sides battled to play football on a pitch which had been badly cut up by Adelaide's recent heavy rains.

Neither goalkeeper was tested during the first 20 minutes when hardly a single shot was struck in anger.

But Colin ("Bomber") Barnes changed all that and brought the dozy crowd to life with a typical opportunist goal in the 27th minute.

Socceroo Johnny Nyskohus made the opening for Barnes when he cleverly dummied a right wing cross from Glenn Dods and Barnes crashed a rising drive into the net.

It was the Englishman's sixth goal from seven games for Adelaide City since he joined them from Hitchin Town.

With defences dominating, that effort seemed likely to be sufficient to earn both points, but substitute Walter Valeri snared a point for Canberra with an amazing goal just 30 seconds after he replaced mid-fielder Isaac Farrell.

Valeri made his dramatic entrance in the 21st minute of the second half when he accepted a back-pass from Duncan Cole to slot home the equaliser from close range with his first touch of the ball.

Barnes almost cancelled out Valeri's goal four minutes later when he took a fine pass from substitute Brian Northcote to rifle a piledriver goalwards, but Richard Wilson tipped the ball over his goal.

Canberra's confidence spiralled in the last 20 minutes as the realisation hit that they had the man-power to turn a first half deficit into a victory, but Adelaide successfully closed the gate.

— **Allan Crisp**

5

ST.GEORGE 1(0)
BRISBANE CITY 1(1)

Goals: 0-1 Ratcliffe (23m), 1-1 Katholos (79m).

ST.GEORGE: Fraser 3, Utjesenovic 3, McIntosh 2, Russell 3, Skeen 2 (R. Fraser 63m), Barton 2, Katholos 4, Griffith 3, Stone 3, Campbell 3, Kay 4. **Coach:** R. Blanco.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 4, Perry 4, Potter 4, Ratcliffe 3, Wilkinson 3, Gaffney 3, Pimblett 3, Hamilton 3, **Conner 5,** Kelso 3, McCluskey 2 (Brusasco 67m). **Coach:** G. Potter.

Referee: R. Lorenc (NSW); **crowd:** 2,017; **caution:** Utjesenovic.

Somebody Up There, understandibly perhaps, likes the Saints; they had a near miraculous escape from what could easily have been a shattering defeat.

In the first half a fluid, confident Brisbane City all but took them apart and had their finishing been better, the teams could have turned with a 0-4 scoreline.

McCluskey hit the post in the 8th minute and in the 23rd, the Queensland goal duly arrived: Kelso made a splendid dummy run at a corner, taking everybody with him and the unmarked Ratcliffe headed home from two metres.

A minute later McIntosh gave a ball away, Kelso laid it on to McCluskey in the goalmouth but, inexplicably, he shot wide.

Then, six minutes from halftime, Fraser dropped a cross and in the following scramble the ball just wouldn't roll into the empty net.

The second half started in much the same vein and a goal avalanche looked a probability.

In the 56th minute yet another huge defensive mix-up let McCluskey through alone but, once again, he missed when facing only Fraser.

The Saints' first chance came in the 59th minute when Campbell's clever chip-shot was brilliantly saved by Wishart.

St.George, sensing that all wasn't lost yet, began to look more threatening, mainly through their two talented youngsters, Kay and Katholos.

In the 79th minute came the equaliser. Kay waltzed off on the right, played the ball in and it was cleared short, running sweetly to Katholos who sent a stupendous thunderbolt into the upper corner from 25 metres.

In the last 10 minutes it was still anybody's game. In the 81st the brilliant, totally unpredictable Conner shot over the bar and five minutes later another Katholos drive was saved.

Three minutes from the end the visitors blew their last chance: a quick counter-raid saw five of them facing only two defenders but Kelso, instead of slipping a simple pass to a mate, tried it alone and slammed the ball into Fraser.

— **Andrew Dettre**

6

BRISBANE LIONS 1(1)
FOOTSCRAY 1(0)

Goals: 1-0 Hogg (14m), 1-1 Cozzella (49m).

LIONS: Scanlan 4, Wilson 3, Bennett 3, **Hermiston 5,** Niven 4, Hogg 3, Lindsay 3, Ogden 3, Ontong 3, McNaughton 3, Millman 3. **Coach:** M. Carson.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 4, Kiriakouleas 3, Kriaris 4, Kondarios 4, Petrov 3, Reilly 3, Ilioski 3, Rujevic 3, Vasic 2 (Cozzella 46m), Belic 2, Lujic 3. **Coach:** R. Ille.

Referee: D. Rennie (NSW); **crowd:** 2,500; **cautions:** Ontong, Kondarios.

To put a play on some famous words "Never has so much been done by so many for so little."

The first 45 minutes of this game saw Footscray completely outplayed in every facet of the game by a Lions team that was so much more positive that one wondered if unfitness could be added to Footscray's long list of troubles.

Lion's players looked yards faster and the traffic was all one way for the first period; 'keeper Boland must have felt like King Canute as he stemmed the tide of orange and blue jersey's surging at him.

However, all the pressure brought only one goal, a superb early ball played by Niven found Hogg through the defence and a simple placement did the trick.

Footscray looked a beaten side and it was a measure of Lion's superiority that it was 44 minutes before Scanlan was put under serious threat.

After the turn it took only four minutes for Footscray to level but they had to thank Bennett for the goal.

The big stopper attempted a delicate pass back to Scanlan, made a terrible mess of it, and Lujic waltzed past him to hit a 10-metre drive which Scanlan did well to palm out, only to the feet of the onrushing Cozzella who made no mistake from close range.

From this point Lions became a team without a general, and as they hurled themselves forward an air of desperation came into their play.

All was hustle and bustle but the end result was always the same, a high ball played into the area where Kondarios and Kriaris used their physical attributes to great advantage against a forward line totally lacking in any aerial threat.

Boland must have thought it was a training night as time after time he plucked the ball out of the air effortlessly.

There was no more scoring and the game petered out with both sides doing nothing of consequence.

Footscray officials and players looked ecstatic with their point; they certainly could not have been ecstatic about their performance.

Lions are a classic example of a well prepared side lacking in class.

— **Jim Binnie**

7

HEIDELBERG 0
SYDNEY CITY 0

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 5, McMillan 4, **Tansey 5, Yzendoorn 5,** P. Bannon 4, Rooney 4 (Taylor 77m), **Selemidis 5,** J. Campbell 4, Paton 4, Cole 3, Bozikas 4 (Williams 60m). **Coaches:** Bannon/Rooney.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano 4, Mullen 4, Spanos 4, **O'Connor 5,** Bruce 4, **Stevenson 5,** Watson 4, Barnes 4, Boden 4, Souness 4, Trenter 3. **Coach:** E. Thomson.

Referee: D. Nugent (Qld.); **crowd:** 5,000; **cautions:** Mullen, Trenter, Barnes.

Sydney City opened with their usual smooth flowing style, plus that forceful play which generally results in goals.

The dour, tight defence by Heidelberg proved efficient, but something had to crack and it was in frustration that Mullen was caught by referee Nugent to earn a 'yellow' for rough play.

The 25th minute was the crucial one for Heidelberg when 'King' Cole raced on to a ball which would have been more profitable if left to Paton who was better placed.

Cole, off balance, rocketed the ball wide.

Three minutes later Souness shot wide, when well placed.

O'Connor was doing a great job in marking Cole closely, much to that player's discomfort.

Trenter, who was scouting strongly up front for Sydney City, earned the displeasure of the referee at the 30th minute.

Five minutes before halftime, Barnes was booked in what had been a rugged first half for the fans.

Both teams had their chances, and it was principally hurried shooting which was responsible for the deadlock.

The second half became more of a test of skill.

Heidelberg showed more initiative, but everything was directed towards Cole and he was well marked.

Andy Bozikas, who had played well, was taken off for Jim Williams, former Prahan Slavia winger at 60 minutes.

A strong Sydney drive was headed past by Yzendoorn very close to an own goal.

This narrow squeak spurred Heidelberg on to greater things, and I thought Cole was unlucky in his 'near miss' with the final seconds ticking away.

Stevenson also applied that pressure from a quick build-up which he had started; Trenter laid on for Stevenson to stretch Banovic to the utmost just before Cole's final effort.

I presume Sydney City were satisfied with that point gained, as Heidelberg brushed the woodwork on a couple of occasions.

The Saturday night experiment did not do so badly with 5,000 spectators but warmer weather could have made it even better.

— **Jock Stephen**

PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE

MOMENT OF JOY

John Coyne (left) and Phil O'Connor celebrate Leichhardt's winning goal last Sunday.

WESTAD MAY HAVE TO WAIT

— By Andrew Dettre —

The knives are being sharpened around West Adelaide for Sunday's clash with Sydney City: the memory of their shattering 0-7 defeat still lingers on.

Westad coach Gerry Chaldi, for years the Sydney City boss cannot feel terribly secure in his position, what with his team occupying the most inelegant 13th place — their worst ever at this stage of the championship.

But a lot would be forgiven if his team could somehow take revenge for that horrible drubbing on Sunday.

Much as Chaldi and his players are yearning for revenge, it is unlikely to materialise.

Our tip: Sydney City 2-1.

The other main title aspirants, Heidelberg, had better brace themselves for a mighty fight against the desperate Leichhardt.

It will be interesting to see how the break-up of the successful coaching tandem of Rooney and Bannon will effect the team and what new influence Len McKendry may be able to assert on this aristocratic side.

Leichhardt grabbed a valuable scalp last week and, with their appetite whetted, will seek another one.

Our tip: Heidelberg 1-0.

South Melbourne — the form team of the moment — will be anxious to gather in the points against Blacktown knowing that they are only inches away from the top.

The transformation of South Melbourne from last year's pathetic punching bag to the present effervescent unit is nothing short of miraculous.

Davidson, Blair, Campbell, Lutton and others are playing so well now that they make you feel the 1979 disaster was centuries ago.

Blacktown, hard hit by injuries and without a true playmaker, rely more and more on grit and guts to survive.

Our tip: South Melbourne 2-0.

Marconi — well, what can you say about them? Loaded with internationals and fulltime pros, they are going through a horror patch which might prove disastrous.

Some of the key players, like Krncevic, Jankovics, Vieri and Muir — have gone sour and even the others are under-performing.

Canberra — unbeaten since the arrival of new coach John Brown — will not go to Bossley Park with many complexes.

At long last they appear to have blended into a solid team and, of course, there is always the genius of Giampaolo to add that bit of unpredictable extra.

Our tip: 1-1 draw.

St.George know that, especially after last week's point loss, they need a win here or they can call the priest.

Surely they cannot play as badly again as they did in the first 60 minutes against Brisbane City, something that would have been embarrassing even for an amateur team.

The return of Duarte and Beggs in the attack should provide them with a more credible striking force but that still leaves a huge problem: a naive, confused defence.

Footscray, like the Saints, were lucky to gain a point last week after a wretched display.

Our tip: St. George 2-1.

Lions literally threw a point away last Sunday — and must have learned from their mistakes.

Against Adelaide City, they would probably settle for a point right from the start.

Adelaide are beginning to play some good stuff and in Englishman Barnes they have found what they were seeking in Dixie Deans — a regular scorer.

Our tip: 2-2 draw.

On Saturday afternoon, Newcastle will be hosts to struggling Brisbane City and, in their present form, cannot take the points for granted.

City are a lot better than their placing would indicate and one day when their strikers hit a purple patch, they will score quite a few goals.

Newcastle will miss the suspended David Jones and must be wondering who will be able to get a goal for this notoriously goal-shy team.

Our tip: Brisbane City 2-1.

PSL '80 RESULT GRID

	Marconi	Heidelberg	Sydney City	Brisbane City	Adelaide City	Newcastle	West Adel.	Leichhardt	Brisb.Lions	Footscray	St.George	Canberra	Sth.Melb.	Blacktown
Marconi	★	1-1	4-0				2-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	0-0			9-0
Heidelberg		★	0-0	3-1		4-0	4-2			3-2	4-2		1-2	5-1
Sydney City	2-1	1-1	★		2-1	2-0	7-0	4-2				0-2	2-1	
Brisbane City	2-1		1-0	★	1-2	1-2		1-0	1-1	1-1	0-1		0-1	
Adelaide City	0-1	1-0		0-0	★		1-0	2-0	0-0	4-1		1-1		3-2
Newcastle	0-1		0-3		3-1	★	2-0	1-0	0-0			0-4		1-0
West Adel.		1-0		1-0		1-1	★		1-1	0-2	1-0			4-2
Leichhardt	2-2	0-5			2-1	1-0	2-0	★			1-2	2-1		0-0
Brisb.Lions			2-0				2-1	2-1	★	1-1		0-0	1-2	1-0
Footscray			1-2	1-1	1-3	2-1			3-1	★	5-3	0-1	3-0	.
St.George			0-2	1-1	1-4	0-3		1-0	2-3		★	1-5	0-3	4-1
Canberra	0-1	0-1		1-1	1-0		4-3		2-4	0-0	4-1	★		0-1
Sth.Melb.	3-1	0-0	1-2		2-1		2-0	1-0	2-2			1-0	★	
Blacktown	5-1	1-2	1-3	3-1		1-1				3-0	4-2		0-3	★

THIS WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS...

Les Scheinflug, Marconi: "There is no point in blaming the referee. We may have had a penalty when Jankovics was tripped, but then they could have had one when Henderson pushed McKie. We dominated the game without threatening their goal very much."

★ ★ ★

Willie Wallace, Leichhardt: "We have been threatening to do this for five weeks. I'm not saying we play the flashiest football, but our players are totally determined to win. Their effort was magnificent."

★ ★ ★

Phil O'Connor, Leichhardt: It was sheer magic to finally get two points away from home. And even more so at Bossley Park. You can't help but get involved in the rivalry between the two clubs, and for us to beat Marconi, the reigning champions, was a tremendous tonic."

★ ★ ★

Blacktown's tale of woes continues: last weekend giant defender Peter Cuk suffered a broken leg while Brian O'Donnell pulled a hamstring muscle.

★ ★ ★

Brisbane City's George Potter: I'm not unhappy with the point though we should have won comfortably."

★ ★ ★

Canberra City coach John Brown: "I felt we were unlucky not to have won."

★ ★ ★

Adelaide City's Rale Rasic: "We played badly, but then again we would only play as well as Canberra allowed us. This was our first league match for four weeks. With that sort of programming how can a team maintain consistent form?"

★ ★ ★

Graham Honeyman, Westad midfielder: "South Melbourne were in a different class but they're not the best side we played this season. Sydney City are and unfortunately we've got them this coming week. They walloped us 7-0 in Sydney but maybe we'll win this one."

★ ★ ★

Alan Davidson South Melbourne fullback about Heidelberg after watching them play Sydney City on Saturday night: "They're playing poorly. Maybe their luck has run out."

★ ★ ★

John Margaritis: "It's a problem to find a place for Christopoulos after this game. But they're the type of problems I like to have."

★ ★ ★

Footscray's Rocco Ilie: "We got what we came for. A point to us just now is worth two. Lions have it all here, wonderful ground, obvious potential, but they are not yet a top four team."

★ ★ ★

Lions' Matt Carson: "We should have been far ahead at halftime. Then we made a gift of a point to them. I hear the opposing coach is happy; he should be."

★ ★ ★

Alan Vest, Newcastle: "That performance put paid to recent criticism that there was no spirit in the team, but the referee failed badly in his efforts to control the game. Failing any injuries in training it's likely that Paul Burrows will replace the suspended David Jones for the match against Brisbane City."

★ ★ ★

Mick Jones, Blacktown: "The loss of Brian O'Donnell with a hamstring injury early on robbed us of a skilful playmaker. All our luck seems to be bad with Peter Cuk likely to be out of action for the remainder of the season."

★ ★ ★

Max Talbot, Newcastle director: "How welcome these two points are — I'm sure when people hear of the gutsy performance put up by Newcastle with 10 men there will be an extra two thousand next Saturday to see us beat Brisbane City."

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This will be the fourth such organised trip to the World Cup, initiated by SOCCER WORLD.

The others were in 1966 to England, 1974 to West Germany and 1978 to Argentina, this last one also with INCA SOL.

All went without a hitch; many of the travellers were actually "repeaters."

At this stage, it's impossible to fix the final price of the all-inclusive tour tickets: airline fares change rapidly because of oil prices.

However, the final cost on today's prices, will be between $300 and $3,800.

This will include:

- Return airfare to Madrid;
- Accommodation in Spain for the whole duration of the World Cup;
- Grandstand tickets to 12 matches, including the final.

Because of the limited number of stadium tickets available to Australia, these have to be pre-purchased from the Spanish Organising Committee.

A deposit of $300 is required on all bookings to cover the match tickets.

All but a cancellation fee of $50 is refundable before the final deadline.

The rest of the price will have to be paid at a later date.

The 1982 World Cup finals will be held between June 13 and July 11 — late spring and early summer in balmy Spain.

The 24 finalists will be divided into six groups of four teams each, where they play a round-robin.

Should Australia make the finals, she can be drawn into any of the six first round groups.

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In order to secure match tickets to the games of the team you wish to follow, you'll have to indicate your preference (e.g. Italy, Hungary etc.)

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The actual draw of the finals will be made in January, 1982 in Zurich.

Naturally, Groups II and III would be the most convenient as the distances there are the shortest.

But Spain has excellent domestic rail and air services and even longer distance travels are quick and comfortable.

From all the six groups, the two top teams qualify for the second round; the others are eliminated.

The surviving 12 teams will be drawn into four groups of three teams to play another round-robin, with the winners reaching the semifinals.

All second round games will be played in Madrid and Barcelona.

Naturally, the composition of these groups will be known only after June 26, 1982 — so you have to take a punt whether you want to be in Madrid or Barcelona.

The semifinals will be staged in Barcelona and Sevilla while the final will be held in Real Madrid's majestic Bernabeu Stadium on July 11.

So if one wants to cut travel to a minimum, he can see the first round matches (6 games) the second round matches (3 games), one semifinal, the match for third place and the final — 12 in all.

On top of that, he will be able to see about another 20 matches live on TV in his hotel room or a corner taverna. How?

All matches start at 5pm and 9pm to enable people to watch as many games as possible.

For example, Australia may play on Wednesday, June 16, at 5pm at Gijon; the same day, two more matches will be played at Valladolid and Zaragoza, one also at 5pm and one at 9pm — so that day you'll see one in the stadium, one on TV.

The next day Australia wouldn't play — but three more games take place in other groups, at 5pm and 9pm, two of which you can again watch.

By the end of the World Cup, in the flesh or live on TV, you'll have seen more than 30 World Cup matches — enough even for a soccer glutton!

The temperature in Spain at that time of the year is mild.

The coolest average is at Oviedo (16 deg.) the warmest at the seaside town of Alicante and Malaga (22.7 deg.).

INCA SOL TRAVEL will offer different categories of accommodation, ranging from luxury to tourist, at different rates.

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Should you wish to extend your travel before or after the World Cup and return to Australia with a detour, individual itineraries can be arranged.

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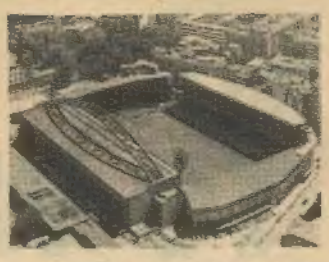

Above: some of the fantastic stadiums which will be used for the 1982 World Cup in Spain. Right: chart showing the distances between the cities used in the first round to Madrid and Barcelona — and to one another.

		Madrid	Barcelona
Group I:			
Vigo - La Coruna	122km	655-604km	1201-1120km
Group II:			
Gijon-Oviedo	30km	483-439km	951-907km
Group III:			
Alicante-Elche	23km	416-455km	540-569km
Group IV:			
Bilbao-Valladolid	278km	401-187km	631-670km
Group V:			
Valencia-Zaragoza	326km	350-323km	358-304km
Group VI:			
Sevilla-Malaga	222km	540-566km	1021-995km

Organising Committee chief D. Manuel Benito.

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1982 WORLD CUP SCHEDULE

		DATES		I		II		III		IV		V		VI		MADRID		BARCELONA	
				Vigo	Coruña	Gijón	Oviedo	Alicante	Elche	Bilbao	Valladol	Valencia	Zaragoza	Sevilla	Málaga	Bernabeu	Calderon	Nou Camp	Sarria
ROUND I	JUNE	Sunday	13															Opening	
		Monday	14	1-2				9-10						21-22					
		Tuesday	15		3-4				11-12						23-24				
		Wednesday	16			5-6				13-14		17-18							
		Thursday	17				7-8				15-16		19-20						
		Friday	18	1-3				9-11						21-23					
		Saturday	19		2-4				10-12						22-24				
		Sunday	20			5-7				13-15		17-19							
		Monday	21				6-8				14-16		18-20						
		Tuesday	22		3-2				10-11						22-23				
		Wednesday	23	1-4				9-12						21-24					
		Thursday	24				6-7				14-15		18-19						
		Friday	25			5-8				13-16		17-20							
		Saturday	26	REST DAY															
ROUND II	JULY	Sunday	27	REST DAY															
		Monday	28														10-12	1-3	
		Tuesday	29													4-6			7-9
		Wednesday	30	REST DAY															
		Thursday	1														10-11	1-2	
		Friday	2													4-5			7-8
		Saturday	3	REST DAY															
		Sunday	4														11-12	2-3	
		Monday	5													5-6			8-9
		Tuesday	6	REST DAY															
Final and semi finals		Wednesday	7	REST DAY															
		Thursday	8											B-D				A-C	
		Friday	9	REST DAY															
		Saturday	10	3rd AND 4th PLACES IN THE CITY WHERE THE INAUGURATION GAME TOOK PLACE															
		Sunday	11													FINAL			

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STATE LEAGUE

GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Olympic	14	1	2	38	13	29
Melita	14	1	3	31	11	29
Auburn	9	3	5	26	22	21
Canterbury	9	3	6	25	24	21
Croatia	6	5	5	29	19	17
Avala	6	4	7	17	22	16
Sutherland	5	5	6	17	17	15
Bankstown	7	1	8	23	27	15
Arncliffe	5	3	8	25	30	13
Monaro	3	6	7	17	16	12
Nth.Sydney	4	3	8	20	25	11
Kuringai	4	3	8	19	25	11
Manly	4	2	10	19	26	10
Parramatta	4	2	11	17	44	10

GRADE 2

Canterbury	12	3	3	28	10	27
Croatia	9	6	1	25	11	24
Sutherland	8	6	2	27	13	22
Avala	7	5	5	25	19	19
Kuringai	8	3	4	26	12	19
Melita	5	5	5	27	22	17
Auburn	6	5	6	17	17	17
Bankstown	7	2	6	17	28	16
Olympic	6	3	7	22	18	15
Arncliffe	4	4	7	20	24	12
Manly	4	3	9	14	23	11
Parramatta	3	5	9	15	25	11
Monaro	2	4	9	13	31	8
Nth.Sydney	2	2	11	13	36	6

GRADE 3

Auburn	11	4	—	34	6	26
Sutherland	11	3	—	33	7	25
Kuringai	8	6	1	39	17	22
Bankstown	8	5	1	27	12	21
Canterbury	5	7	4	29	21	17
Arncliffe	6	4	3	26	20	16
Olympic	6	2	7	16	20	14
Parramatta	5	4	6	20	27	14
Melita	4	5	6	16	22	13
Manly	5	2	8	20	24	12
Croatia	1	4	9	21	42	6
Nth.Sydney	1	1	13	10	38	3
Avala	1	1	14	10	45	3

DIVISION 1

GRADE 1

Marconi	10	4	2	38	17	24
St George	10	3	4	47	22	23
Blackt.City	9	5	3	34	15	23
Polonia	9	5	5	40	27	23
Uni NSW	9	4	3	30	14	22
Bathurst	9	4	5	29	22	22
Revesby	6	6	5	30	35	22
Leichhardt	8	5	4	35	23	21
Wollongong	6	6	5	25	18	18
Sydney City	6	5	7	35	32	17
Blacktown Utd.	4	4	9	14	29	12
Yugal	2	7	8	14	32	11
Belmore	4	2	10	19	36	10
Penrith	3	3	11	15	39	9
Warringah	—	3	16	7	50	3

GRADE 2

St.George	13	4	1	47	12	30
Sydney City	13	3	2	56	16	29
Leichhardt	11	3	3	33	12	25
Wollongong	10	2	6	41	24	24
Revesby	9	4	6	37	24	22
Blackt.City	9	3	5	37	27	21
Warringah	6	5	8	22	30	17
Penrith	7	2	8	18	23	16
Polonia	5	6	6	22	29	16
Blacktown Utd.	6	3	6	17	17	15
Uni NSW	7	1	9	16	33	15
Bathurst	4	3	11	16	40	11
Marconi	3	2	12	12	26	8
Yugal	1	4	11	10	37	6
Belmore	2	1	13	17	48	5

GRADE 3

St.George	15	1	2	97	15	31
Sydney City	12	3	3	57	18	27
Leichhardt	10	5	1	30	10	25
Marconi	10	3	3	47	18	23
Blackt.City	10	3	4	44	20	23
Belmore	10	3	3	26	12	23
Revesby	6	6	7	34	42	18
Blacktown Utd.	6	4	6	24	30	16
Polonia	7	1	9	32	32	15
Penrith	6	3	8	30	40	15
Wollongong	6	2	9	33	33	14
Warringah	3	2	14	22	41	8
Uni NSW	3	1	12	18	66	7
Yugal	2	3	11	15	67	7
Bathurst	1	2	15	14	79	4

DIVISION 2

GRADE 1

Guildford	11	3	1	34	12	25
Nth.Bankstown	10	4	1	41	17	24
Yagoona	9	2	4	20	16	20
Glad.Ravens	6	5	2	21	12	17
Campbelltown	6	4	4	17	14	16
Lethbridge	5	3	6	24	20	13
Queens Park	4	5	5	20	25	13
Baulkham Hills	5	2	8	25	29	12
Dee Why	5	2	7	6	15	12
Glad.Hornsby	4	2	8	15	14	10
Lane Cove	1	3	9	12	28	5
Marrickville	1	1	12	12	39	3

GRADE 2

Glad.Ravens	10	3	—	33	6	22
Lethbridge	9	3	2	34	17	21
Campbelltown	8	5	1	28	12	21
Guildford	7	8	2	41	18	20
Baulkham Hills	7	2	6	30	27	16
Nth.Bankstown	6	3	6	19	19	15
Glad.Hornsby	5	4	5	20	26	14
Dee Why	4	4	6	21	24	12
Yagoona	4	3	8	24	35	11
Queens Park	3	—	11	13	33	6
Marrickville	2	2	10	12	43	6
Lane Cove	2	1	10	13	29	5

GRADE 3

Guildford	11	3	1	48	19	25
Nth.Bankstown	12	—	3	50	8	24
Glad.Hornsby	10	2	2	33	13	22
Glad.Ravens	9	1	3	44	17	19
Marrickville	8	2	4	38	20	18
Baulkham Hills	5	5	5	25	20	15
Campbelltown	7	—	7	25	24	14
Lethbridge	5	1	8	12	30	11
Yagoona	3	2	10	11	47	8
Dee Why	3	1	10	8	21	7
Lane Cove	2	1	10	11	44	5
Queens Park	—	2	12	9	52	2

DIVISION 3

GRADE 1

Kingsford	10	1	3	28	15	21
Liverpool	8	4	1	21	11	20
Bondi	7	5	2	26	13	19
Nth.Ryde	8	3	3	24	17	19
Bonnyrigg	8	—	8	25	20	16
Riverstone	7	2	5	23	19	16
Sydney Uni	5	4	6	17	23	14
Hurstville	5	1	8	23	23	11
Artarmon	4	3	8	18	20	11
Wenty	4	3	7	18	21	11
Port Hacking	3	1	10	12	30	7
West Ryde	1	3	10	18	38	5

GRADE 2

Artarmon	10	3	2	45	29	23
Bondi	10	2	2	29	9	22
Liverpool	9	3	1	31	10	21
Kingsford	9	2	3	35	14	20
Nth. Ryde	7	2	5	30	16	16
Sydney Uni	6	2	7	26	26	14
Bonnyrigg	5	3	8	32	21	13
Port Hacking	5	2	7	21	22	12
Riverstone	6	—	8	21	29	12
Wenty	4	3	7	15	23	11
Hurstville	1	1	12	16	56	3
West Ryde	1	1	13	12	57	3

DIVISION 4

GRADE 1

Eastern Creek	9	4	—	30	6	22
Padstow	9	1	3	35	12	19
Paddington	7	5	2	19	14	19
Eastwood	9	—	5	28	20	18
Fairfield Kiev	4	6	2	17	8	14
Canley Heights	5	2	7	21	26	12
Ryde District	5	1	7	21	34	11
West Holroyd	3	4	7	20	31	10
Revesby	2	4	5	13	21	8
Chelsea	2	2	7	7	18	6
Maroubra	1	1	11	13	35	3

GRADE 2

Eastern Creek	10	3	—	39	6	23
Padstow	8	4	1	37	19	20
Fairfield Kiev	5	7	1	35	25	17
Eastwood	6	4	4	25	17	16
Canley Heights	8	—	6	33	27	16
West Holroyd	5	4	5	20	20	14
Paddington	3	7	4	15	18	13
Revesby	3	3	6	29	22	9
Ryde District	4	1	8	14	39	9
Maroubra	1	4	8	8	34	6
Chelsea	—	3	10	14	41	3

DIVISION 5

GRADE 1

Concordia	10	5	2	36	13	23
Fairfield West	8	7	—	28	9	23
Winston Hills	6	7	2	30	20	19
Nth. Rocks	8	4	5	31	23	16
Maccabi	5	5	4	27	22	15
West St.George	5	5	4	23	20	15
Macquarie	6	2	7	28	20	14
Pagewood	4	5	5	20	30	14
Camden	5	3	6	24	31	13
Edensor	4	4	6	24	27	12
Haberfield	2	3	10	14	37	7
Auburn	1	3	11	13	46	5

GRADE 2

Winston Hills	13	1	1	48	13	27
West St.George	11	1	2	40	14	23
Fairfield West	10	3	2	36	11	23
Macquarie	10	3	2	42	21	23
Camden	10	2	3	38	15	22
Nth.Rocks	7	2	6	31	23	16
Maccabi	6	2	6	23	18	14
Concordia	4	1	10	18	32	9
Edensor	2	2	11	22	45	6
Pagewood	2	2	11	14	54	6
Haberfield	2	1	12	18	44	5
Auburn	1	2	12	9	49	4

DIVISION 6

GRADE 1

Moorebank	10	3	2	40	17	23
Hawkesbury	9	4	2	31	9	22
Glenquarrie	9	3	3	36	13	21
Chullora	7	4	3	35	16	18
Blacktown Wan.	8	2	5	37	25	18
Liverpool City	7	4	4	22	13	18
Green Valley	6	3	5	22	16	15
Liverpool Utd.	6	3	6	23	25	15
Liverpool Rang.	4	5	6	17	27	13
Bankstown Sp.	2	3	10	13	48	7
Mt.Pritchard	1	2	12	12	42	4
Sth.Sydney	1	2	12	18	53	4

GRADE 2

Moorebank	12	3	—	49	10	27
Liverpool City	11	3	1	45	13	25
Glenquarrie	9	4	2	50	20	22
Hawkesbury	6	3	4	43	13	19
Blacktown	6	6	3	21	24	18
Green Valley	7	2	5	31	19	16
Chullora	6	3	5	36	17	15
Liverpool Utd.	4	4	7	28	34	12
Liverpool Rang.	3	3	9	17	21	9
Mt.Pritchard	4	—	11	18	42	8
Bankstown Sp.	2	2	11	17	68	6
Sth.Sydney	—	1	14	7	53	1

NSW STATE LEAGUE

CROATIA MAY UPSTAGE HOT TITLE FAVORITES

— By Paul James —

The title contenders Olympic and the reigning champions Croatia clash this week in a vitally important match for both clubs.

Croatia have amazingly closed a huge gap between fourth and fifth places to only four points and have their sights set on a top four spot.

Olympic still have Melita snapping at their ankles like some tenacious bulldog and any slip up could be costly.

Both sides recorded good wins last week to set the scene for an exciting game.

A draw seems the likely result unless Olympic can pull out all stops.

We tip 1-1.

Inter Monaro are hosts to surprise winners Manly, and this will be another important battle.

Parramatta and Manly have closed in on the middle of the table and teams that looked fairly safe four weeks ago are now perilously close to the foot of the table.

Monaro have won only three games this year — the lowest win record in the league, and have lost the magic they had for two years.

Manly have been fighting for their lives in the past month and in their present mood will be more than a match for most teams in the bottom half of the table.

We tip a Manly win 2-0.

Avala's chances of making the top four were almost certainly snuffed out last week when they lost to Olympic.

They needed at least a point to keep in touch with Canterbury, but they now lie five points behind the fourth placed team.

This week they play Sutherland who seem content to maintain their middle order position and build for next year.

If Sutherland's attack can be effectively bottled up we see little chance of the Sharks causing much of an impression on Avala.

Their midfield lacks some of the imagination it had earlier in the season or last year, while Avala's midfield has the potential to cause plenty of damage to Sutherland.

We tip an Avala win 2-0.

Auburn tripped up a little last week when they lost to Croatia.

Against Parramatta this week they can be expected to go flat out and maintain their lead over Canterbury.

Parramatta caused something of a stir by beating Ku-ring-gai, and although it was by no means a flashy win, the two points will go a long way to building shattered team spirit.

We expect Parramatta to give Auburn a hard fight, though the green and golds **should win through 1-0.**

Arncliffe suffered their second humilating defeat in the space of three weeks when they crashed 3-0 to Manly last week.

In Queanbeyan recently they were hammered 6-2 and now they have no chance of a top four place and will have to be careful to avoid getting too close to the relegation zone.

This week they play Bankstown, another club which started out well but failed to produce consistently good displays.

Arncliffe's striking power has looked sadly ineffective in recent outings and it would not be a surprise if Bankstown caused an upset.

We tip Bankstown to win 2-1.

Ku-ring-gai will be smarting after their loss to Parramatta.

Despite playing the more creative football they conceded two silly goals and lost the match.

If they brush up on their forward work Ku-ring-gai could cause Canterbury some bother.

Canterbury's slump seems to be stretching into a prolonged affair, and they now have only a four point gap behind them to the ever improving Croatia.

Their 'on-paper' forward line has yet to live up to its high reputation and Hall in particular has been a disappointment this year.

We tip a 0-0 result.

Melita keep powering their way onwards, keeping pace with Olympic in a most nerve wracking race for the premiership title.

They take on Norths this week and should not experience any difficulty in gaining two points.

Although Norths are a useful unit the Melita machine seems to be firing at peak and they should score a win by a comfortable margin.

We tip a Melita win 3-1.

AUBURN v CROATIA 1-2(1-0)

Auburn's recent string of victories came to a grinding halt when premiers Croatia beat them narrowly in a surprise result at Mona Park.

Using their direct style Auburn dominated the first half with John McDonald and Tom McCulloch winning the better share of the ball.

Hector Martinez once again gave Auburn an early lead when he was well positioned to receive a John McCranor pass and drove well wide of Steve Watson's outstretched hands into the net.

Yet Auburn faltered after the interval under the pressure of a more cohesive Croatia well driven from behind by some great passes from Culina, Coleman and Savor.

Zdenko Kafka equalised from the penalty spot following an infringement in the penalty area.

Again the boot of Kafka rescued both points for Croatia with only one minute remaining when he scored with a swerving freekick from just outside the penalty area.

AUBURN: Gisbourne 4, McCoy 4, Fairclough 4, Dobson 4, McMillan 4, McDonald 4, Quigley 3 (Dawson 60m), McCulloch 4, Ross 3, Martinez 3, McCranor 3.

CROATIA: Watson 3, A. Kovacic 4, Vidiac 3, Basic 4, Gruicic 4, Culina 4, Coleman 4, Savor 4, M. Kovacic 3, Kafka 4, Pagano 3 (Sullivan 65m).

Goals: 1-0 Martinez (10m), 1-1 Kafka (57m), 1-2 Kafka (89m).
Referee: H. Witchge; **crowd:** 2,349.

— C. Spiteri

MELITA v CANTERBURY 2-0(0-0)

A powerful all-round exhibition by Melita and a fine individual striking performance by Don Allan showed that Melita are going flat out now for the premiership title.

The Melita midfield took over as the match wore on and with Stoddart and Farrugia reigning supreme, Allan was provided with a steady stream of fine passes.

At the back Vernon Darvill was in command against an uncertain Canterbury attack.

Canterbury missed several great chances, none greater than Craig Hall's who rounded Greedy only to blast the ball into the side netting.

Melita eventually took the lead in the 57th minute when Allan headed home a right wing cross, then in the 65th minute he capped off a fine team move before driving a 10-metre shot past McPherson.

MELITA: Greedy 4, Berry 4, Mikas 3, Darvill 5, Cabon 3, Juchniewicz 3 (T. Hones 46m), Farrugia 5, Stoddart 5, Allan 5, Williams 4, B. Parker 3.

CANTERBURY: McPherson 3, Sheldrick 3, G. Brown 4, Penman 3, Byles 3, Williams 4, Basterfield 3, Ramisch 4, Thamnides 3, Thompson 2, Hall 2.

Goals: 1-0 Allan (57m), 2-0 Allan (64m).
Referee: B. Wilkinson; **crowd:** 2,100.

— M. Renwick

MONARO v SUTHERLAND 1-1(1-0)

Monaro's midfield again failed to function effectively for large periods of the game and it was only the home team's defence which kept Sutherland at bay.

Not that Sutherland were very menacing.

The first half saw very few scoring chances, and Monaro took the lead through a flash of sheer cheek from the wily Bobby Noble.

A freekick from Trajanoski was hit into the six metre box and Noble cleverly dummied over the ball, giving John Santolin the easiest of tasks to slam the ball home.

The game at times became heated, and twice Monaro players were shown the yellow card.

In the second half Sutherland fought back to get a tighter grip on the match.

They equalised in the 73rd minute when Bush took a pass from Holman, drew Antonopoulos and rounded the 'keeper before slotting the ball into the net.

MONARO: Antonopoulos 3, Crawford 4, Charles 3, Noble 3, Santolin 4, Falzon 3, Lawler 3, Valeri 3 (Arquero 59m), Link 3, Heywood 3 (Reis 78m), Trajanoski 3.

SUTHERLAND: Haynes 3, Holman 3, R. Schumann 3, Groome 3, Hesford 3, Harrington 4, Rogers 3, K. Schumann 4, Bush 3, Dal Forno 3, Connor 3 (Watkins 78m).

Goals: 1-0 Santolin (27m), 1-1 Bush (73m).
Referee: D. Lind; **crowd:** 504; **cautions:** Heywood, Noble.

— W. Bourke

ARNCLIFFE v MANLY 0-3(0-2)

Manly were given acres of room in midfield and this enabled them to counter-attack strongly.

The first goal came when Jack poked the ball home after a goalmouth scrimmage, and he added a second when he shook off some weak tackling before angling a great shot past Hoszowski.

Jack capped off a fine afternoon when he headed home a Nawalu cross for the hat-trick.

ARNCLIFFE: Hoszowski 4, Ramisch 3, Wignall 3, Oldham 2, Ainslie 3, Lee 2, Blackburn 2 (Doyle 46m), Butcher 2, Montgomery 3, Leak 3, Tracey 3.

MANLY: Dower 4, Wilson 3, Doyle 4, Emery 3, Burchett 4, Townsend 3, Jack 4, Hardaker 3, Firrell 3, Vale 4 (Dick 84m), Stuart 2 (Nawalu 66m).

Goals: 0-1 Jack (8m), 0-2 Jack (41m), 0-3 Jack (86m).
Referee: A. Owens; **crowd:** 158; **cautions:** Doyle, Burchett, Jack.

— A. Henderson

OLYMPIC v AVALA 2-0(0-0)

Hensman got both goals in the space of six minutes in the second half and apart from his scoring prowess had a fine all round game.

Olympic should have taken the lead in the 39th minute when Scott blasted a penalty onto the crossbar, but just after the break Avala could just as easily have gone one goal up when Ankudinoff was forced to head off the line.

Housseini was a menace to Avala and was almost inevitably fouled in the 52nd minute inside the area.

Hensman took over the task of taking the spot kick and made it 1-0.

Five minutes later he added his second when he rose to head home a fine goal.

OLYMPIC: Meier 4, Morris 3, Ankudinoff 4, Wilson 3, Rowden 5, Cross 3, Laing 3, Smith 3, Housseini 4, Scott 3, Hensman 5 (Zeros 87m).

AVALA: Ahrens 4, Nitya 3, Deller 3, Barton 4, Pilovski 4, Bateman 3, Rnjak 3, Brown 3, Tilt 2, Kodor 2, Karanfilovski 2 (Fernandez 65m).

Goals: 1-0 Hensman (pen.52m), 2-0 Hensman (57m).
Referee: B. Fowler; **crowd:** 3,425; **caution:** Scott.

— E. De Mesquita

KU-RING-GAI v PARRAMATTA 1-2(0-0)

Parramatta were the better side for only 10 minutes, yet in that time they managed to score twice while Ku-ring-gai struggled for their solitary goal.

Both Parramatta goals came from glaring defensive mistakes.

In the 48th minute Hunter miskicked and allowed Mitchell to zero in on goal for a simple chance to score.

Only four minutes later the match was virtually out of Ku-ring-gai's hands when Martin lost control of a back pass and Stephenson was given free passage to goal.

Despite the mistakes, Ku-ring-gai looked the better side throughout.

It was only last ditch defence from Parramatta and some astute use of the off-side trap that prevented Ku-ring-gai from scoring a bagful of goals.

KU-RING-GAI: Taylor 2, Wheatley 4, Geekie 3, Robertson 3, Martin 3, Hunter 2, Hamilton 3, Lavin 3, McGill 2, Herron 3, Smith 4.

PARRAMATTA: Donovan 3, McKenzie 4, Bigland 4, Lackey 3, Bates 4, Forwood 3, Brizuela 3, Roden 2, Strickland 2 (Hearne 58m), Stephenson 4, Mitchell 4.

Goals: 0-1 Mitchell (48m), 0-2 Stephenson (52m), 1-2 Hamilton (pen.56m).
Referee: W. Phelps; **crowd:** 135; **cautions:** Forwood, Geekie.

— G. Bashford

NORTH SYDNEY v BANKSTOWN 1-1(0-1)

Bankstown looked out of touch and were lucky to share the points with Norths.

The game was marred by a number of petty fouls with five players receiving cautions.

Bankstown opened the scoring in the 38th minute when Davis scrambled the ball home after a Paul Thomspn corner.

Norths weren't about to give in without a fight and attacked steadily in the second half.

In the 69th minute Alex Bottalico was floored in the box and Leyden equalised through the penalty.

Ron Tilsed kept his side in the match when he made a fine save from a stinging 10-metre drive by Davis barely two minutes later.

Bankstown, too, had to survive some anxious moments, in the 71st minute a Dale drive from 25 metres hit the bar with Lachowicz well beaten but luckily the ball rebounded to safety.

NORTH SYDNEY: Tilsed 4, Walker 3, Mattheson 4, O'Rourke 3, J. Bottalico 4, Leyden 3, Youssef 4, Porter 3, A. Bottalico 3, Dale 3, S. Wilson 3 (T. Wilson 85m).

BANKSTOWN: Lachowicz 3, Thompson 3, Rea 3, Beater 4, Lynch 4, Peck 3, Williams 4, Morrison 3, Tansley 2 (D. Wilson 79m), Daley 2, Davis 3.

Goals: 0-1 Davis (38m), 1-1 Leyden (pen. 69m).
Referee: T. Seacey; **crowd:** 150; **cautions:** Thompson, Peck, Williams, Morrison, Leyden.

— G. Streeter

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Leichhardt	v	Revesby Work.	Sat., Lambert Park
Blacktown City	v	Polonia	Sun., Gabbie Stadium
Sydney City	v	Penrith Utd.	Sun., Sydney Athletic
Uni of NSW	v	Yugal	Sun., David Phillips Fld
Wollongong	v	Bathurst '75	Sun., Berkeley Spts.Gr.
Blacktown Utd.	v	Warringah	Sat., Francis Park
Belmore	v	Marconi	Sat., Blick Oval
Wollongong	v	Sydney City	Sat., Berkeley
Uni of NSW	v	Blacktown City	Sat., David Phillips

NEXT WEEK

JULY 26-27

PARRA.CITY	v	INTER MONARO	SAT., GARSIDE PARK
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SUTHERLAND	v	MELITA EAG.	SUN., SEYMOUR SHAW
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CANT-M'VILLE	v	ARNCLIFFE	SUN., ARLINGTON OV.
NTH.SYD.INTER	v	KURINGAI	SAT., NTH.SYD.OVAL
Penrith Utd.	v	Revesby Work.	Sun., Cook Park
Yugal	v	Sydney City	Sat., Concord Oval
Blacktown City	v	Bathurst '75	Sat., Gabbie Stadium
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WORLD NEWS

OUTCRY IN THE WILDERNESS:

ROUGH PLAY MAY KILL SPECTACLE

Former West German star Karl Schnellinger, who also spent some successful seasons with AC Milan, lashed out after the recent European Championships.

"It's no longer a secret that the affairs of international soccer are being manipulated by large corporations, businessmen and sponsors," he said.

"We know this is an unhealthy trend — but we have to live with it.

"It's a well known fact that it's these business interests which fight for special conditions at international tournaments, such as 8 teams instead of 4 at the European championships.

"They also shape the careers of a number of star players — and indirectly heavily influence refereeing, too.

"I don't suggest they are bribing the referees, which would be a crude method but induce them to be terribly lenient with disciplinary measures, such as expulsions.

"We saw referees here whose hand never stopped moving around their pocket and if occasionally they did flash a card, it was always the yellow.

"I am convinced that associations and business interests rather tolerate rough play than 'ruin' a telecast."

Schnellinger claims that brutal football, more than anything else, is killing the spectacle of the game.

"For a striker to control a pass, he must have some freedom of movement and protection against a tackle from behind when the defender plants all his studs into his calf.

"If players have to watch out to escape the threat of aluminium studs during a game, their attention will be divided and they cannot possibly perform well.

"The innumerable fouls, illegal sliding tackles and shoves result in seemingly faulty ball control; the balls run loose and then we see the players start their maddening chase again to gain possession."

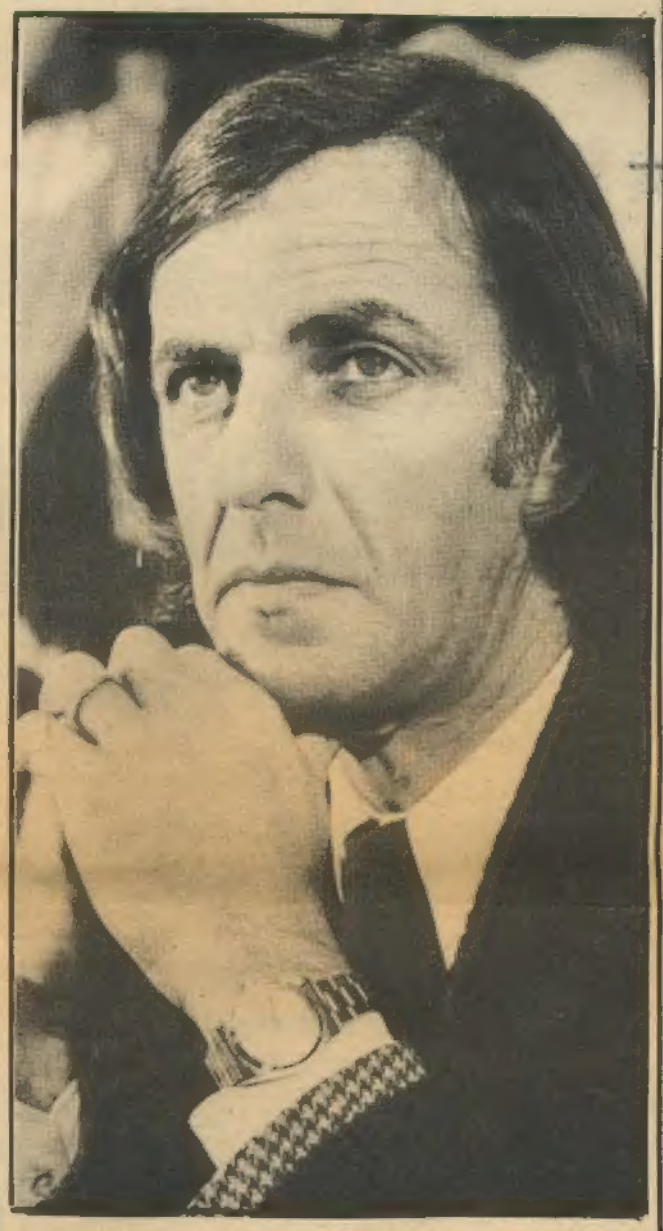
Argentinian manager Luis Menotti is also outspoken on the subject.

"I think we are making a serious mistake by over-complicating the games with tactics, by drilling all sorts of limitations into the players which prevent them from playing freely.

"A player trying to carry out his tactical instructions cuts a pathetic picture and also bores and depresses the spectator who, sitting on the stand, starts to count his outlay on the ticket and wonder if it was worth it.

"More and more coaches are beginning to believe that soccer has to be played, not fought.

"And when they put that belief into practice, we may have a worldwide revival again."



Menotti — worried about trends that "kill" the game.

Schnellinger — critical of outside interference in soccer.

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- 1969 World Cup elimination match against Austria in Nurnberg: Mueller heads the winner in the 90th minute.
- 1970 World Cup semifinal against Italy: Schnellinger scores the equaliser in the 90th minute.
- 1976 European Championship final in Belgrade: Holzenbein gets the equaliser against Czechoslovakia in the 90th minute.
- 1980 European Championship final in Rome, against Belgium: Hrubesch scores the winner in the 89th minute.

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• *"I don't think English football has changed in the 20 years I've been watching it," says Manchester City's Polish star Kazi Deyna. "Liverpool are very good but they don't play like an English team at all."*

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• *Colored England winger Laurie Cunningham is causing some dissent in the Real Madrid team where players are envious of his $5,600 match fee. One newspaper, 'Marca,' says: "Cunningham is to blame. You can't earn so much and play so little."*

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• *"He's the most exciting 19-year-old I've ever seen," says England goalie Ray Clemence of Argentina's Diego Maradona.*

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• *A new rule in Hungary limits the squad of all first division teams to 20 contract players.*

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• *Rene van der Kerkhof has transferred from PSV Eindhoven to the Roman club Lazio.*

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• *"The whole of Europe hasn't got a really great team," said former Hungarian star Karoly Sandor after the European Championships.*

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• *The poor results of Brazil continue: in Sao Paulo they were held to a 1-1 draw by Poland; goals by Lato and Zico.*

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• *Jose Emilio Santamaria, Real Madrid's former Uruguayan international, has become the new manager of Spain, following the resignation of Ladislao Kubala, after a 12-year stint.*

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• *In the last minute, the Polish Football Association has refused permission for Zbigniew Boniek, 24, to join the Italian Juventus; he is under the minimum age limit of 30.*

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• *Hungary will play three home internationals soon: Sweden (Aug.20), USSR (Aug.27) and Spain (Sept.24) all in Budapest.*

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• *Hungarian international defender Josef Salamon, from DVTK, has signed a contract with the Greek PAOK Saloniki.*

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• *Tottenham Hotspur will spend $6 million on a new grandstand at their White Hart Lane ground; there will be 72 luxury boxes, each costing $60,000 over three years.*

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• *Ecuador's new national coach is Argentinian Roberto Saporiti; he was given $120,000 for signing a contract and will get a further $10,000 a month. Poor South America...*

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• *Flamengo won the Brazilian championship, beating Atletico Mineiro 3-2 in the final, in front of 154,000 Rio fans. Brazil has no national league and the top placegetters of the various regions play an involved play-off series.*

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• *To help UNICEF's fund raising, a special charity match will be held on December 10 or 17 in Barcelona between the "Human Stars" and CF Barcelona. Luis Menotti, Ladislao Kubala and Brian Clough will manage jointly the "stars" who will come from this marvellous squad: Beckenbauer, Cruyff, Keegan, Maradona, Rummenigge, Kaltz, Pezzey, Krol, Blokhin, Pirri, Bettega, Neeskens, Shilton, Zoff...etc.*

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• *The latest about Maradona is that he may join Juventus on loan for a year and then return in 1981 to prepare with Argentina for the World Cup. Juventus is prepared to pay about $1 million for this gesture...*

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• *Former Uruguay winger Luis Cubillas, now 40, is the manager of Newell's Old Boys in Argentina while his brother, Pedro, is in charge of Paraguay's champions Olimpia.*

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• *Borussia Monchengladbach have signed a three-year contract with Datsun; for wearing their name of the players' shirts, the club will collect $900,000.*

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• *Kalman Konrad, a legendary Hungarian star of the 1920s, died in Stockholm.*

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• *Greece's manager Alektas Panagoulias has been offered a well paid job with an American "franchise."*

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• *AC Milan's international striker Novellino, seen in Australia recently, will play for Napoli in the new season.*

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• *The Italian club Avellino has signed a Brazilian, Juary, from the Mexican Guadalajara.*

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• *West German international Hans-Peter Briegel, one of the stars of the European champions, has his leg in plaster following a cartilage operation.*

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• *Clodoaldo, the brilliant Brazilian midfielder of the 1970 world champion team, has been transferred from Santos to the New York United club.*

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• *Both Celtic and Rangers have been heavily fined by the Scottish Association for the behaviour of their fans at the May 10 Cup Final.*

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• *A crowd of 32,000 in Vancouver saw Cosmos beat the Whitecaps 3-0; Cosmos had new chum Van der Elst from Belgium while Dutch star Krol made his debut for the Canadians.*

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• *New faces in French teams this coming season: the Swiss Barberis in Monaco, the Yugoslav Nikolic in Lyon, the German Krause in Laval, the Polish Wencierz and Wieczoreck in Angers and Auxerres and the Austrian Riedel in Metz.*